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SUBJECT: U.S.-CANADA BOUNDARY/FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE CALLED IN CANADIAN
EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR TURNER DECEMBER 30 AND
HANDED HIM A DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF NON-
LIVING RESOURCES IN THE BOUNDARY AREA OF THE GULF OF MAINE.
TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT--

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS THE EMBASSY OF CANADA TO
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SECRETARY JAMIESON AND SECRETARY
KISSINGER ON OCTOBER 15 REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY OF
EXERCISING RESTRAINT CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF NON-LIVING
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RESOURCES IN THE BOUNDARY AREA OF THE GULF OF MAINE. ON
NOVEMBER 4 THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT BOTH
COUNTRIES WOULD AVOID STEPS FOR THE TIME BEING RELATING TO
THE DEVELOPMENT OF NON-LIVING RESOURCES IN THE BOUNDARY
AREAS CONCERNED WHICH COULD PREJUDICE NEGOTIATION OF A
BOUNDARY SETTLEMENT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO INFORM
THE EMBASSY THAT THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 7 THAT 28
TRACTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM A PROPOSED SUMMER 1977 SALE
OF NORTH ATLANTIC OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS
LEASES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT NOTED THAT THIS ACTION WAS
DESIGNED TO ASSURE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT ONGOING
BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE NOT
PREJUDICED. -- END TEXT

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